

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are currently active.

Claims 3-6 have been added. Antecedent support for new Claims 3-6 is found on page 4, line 19-page 5, line 16.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Antecedent support for the amendments to Claims 1 and 2 is found on page 39, lines 15-21.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 2 as being anticipated by Roger.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 as being anticipated by Olson.

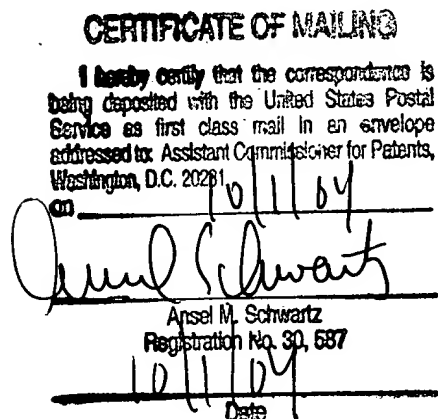
The Examiner has rejected Claim 2 as being unpatentable over Olson.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the amendments to the claims.

At best, the applied art of record teaches a star architecture where there is a central server to which all communication between the various computers must pass. There is no teaching or suggestion of the limitation "the host computer sending a public key to a first of the two user computing devices and the first user computing device sending the public key to a

second of the two user computer devices through the communication means to establish the decentralized trusted network". The applied art of record is completely silent about one computing device sending a public key to another computing device. All the citations relied upon by the Examiner simply have a central server through which all communication occurs between computing devices. In fact, the applied art of record teaches away from applicants' claimed invention since the applied art of record teaches a central server through which all communication occurs, while applicants' claimed invention has the limitation of one computing device providing the key to a second computer device. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 2 are patentable over the applied art of record. Claims 3-6 are dependent to parent Claim 2 and are patentable for the reasons Claim 2 is patentable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1-6, now in this application be allowed.



Respectfully submitted,

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